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## Press Release

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### **ATTORNEY GENERAL DARRELL V. MCGRAW, JR. WARNS CONSUMERS OF CANADIAN LOTTERY SCAM**

Con artists operating out of British Columbia, Canada, are targeting West Virginia consumers on another Canadian lottery scam, according to West Virginia Attorney General Darrell V. McGraw, Jr.

McGraw's consumer protection office has received information regarding the scam, known as BC Millions. Consumers receive a letter from BC Millions claiming to be an official announcement of winning lottery ticket numbers. The letter explains that the consumer's name was entered in the lottery and that an advance check is enclosed to cover legal fees and insurance. However, the checks issued on commercial businesses in the United States, or Canadian banks are bogus. Consumers may be required to repay the bank cashing the bogus check.

If a bank cashes the bogus check, consumers are asked to share the proceeds with the scam operators. Victims are then asked to pay phony processing and finders fees to the scam operators.

If you have been a victim of such scam, contact the Attorney General's consumer hotline at 1-800-368-8808.

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